= In Memoriam =

Pi Kappa Delta Suffers Tragic Losses

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON – HOUSTON, TEXAS Robert Denman

As you know, debaters from the University of Houston were involved in an automobile accident returning from the Air Force Academy Tournament on Saturday, December 7, 1968.

The U.H. representatives attending the Air Force Tournament were Tom Goodnight, political science sophomore, Robert Denman, political science junior, and Steve Hunt, Speech Graduate Debate Assistant. the accident occurred 30 miles north of Clayton, New Mexico.

Bob Denman was crushed and killed immediately. Tom Goodnight and Steve Hunt received cuts and bruises, but were not seriously injured.

AUGUSTANA COLLEGE – SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA



James Houske



K. Don Tibbetts



Joyce Estwick





Alan Jensen

Linda Heidemann

Sometime during the evening hours of January 11 the single engine of a chartered white Piper Cherokee airplane which had been flying over the cold, white reaches of northcentral Nebraska stopped. At 6:15 that night pilot Frayne Anderson, who was also head librarian at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., checked in with the airport at North Platte, Nebr. A careful pilot, Anderson was following his flight plan to a "T". The weather was "go" and everything was OK, he said.

He and his five passengers, Augustana forensics director K. Don Tibbetts and four student debaters, were scheduled to arrive



Frayne Anderson

home at about 8:00 p.m. They never arrived, and no trace has yet been found of them.

The six were returning after competition in the Pike's Peak Invitational tournament at Colorado Springs, Colo. Prof. Tibbetts had entered two of his most successful teams in the meet. They were senior Joyce Estwick of Milan, Minn., and sophomore Linda Heidemann of Rapid City, S. Dak. and a novice team composed of Alan Jensen of Pipestone, Minn., and James Houske, Shawnee Mission, Kan. Both boys were freshmen.

Deep snow, severe cold, high winds and continuing snowfall in the entire Nebraska and South Dakota area during the next two weeks severely hampered search and rescue operations. In the following days the Civil Air Patrol, Air Rescue Command of the U.S. Air Force, Civil Defense personnel, over 200 Augustana students and faculty and hundreds of other volunteers, afoot and by snowmobiles concentrated on the vast and sparsely settled area of northcentral Nebraska. The governors of both states dispatched men and state equipment.

Anonymous persons offered a \$1500 reward for discovery information as an inducement to farmers and ranchers to search their own lands. Searchers reported snow drifts of up to 35 feet in some parts of the Nebraska sandhill regions.

Finally, after two weeks of futile, frustrating efforts the search was suspended. Private planes, helicopters and special Air-Force search planes had been grounded for days at a time.

Miss Estwick, who had participated in debate all of her four years at Augustana, had been entered in the Pike's Peak tourney last year as well. Both she and Miss Heidemann were members of Pi Kappa Delta. The freshmen men, though qualified, were not yet members.

Prof. Tibbetts, 34, came to Augustana as forensics director in the fall of 1967 after serving in a similar capacity at Kearney State in Nebraska. Prof. Anderson, 43, who had been a pilot for seven years, had frequently piloted Augustana debaters on trips – some as far away as Houston, Texas, and Boston, Mass.

Augustana authorities, with the cooperation of the ASCS offices of the U.S. Agriculture Dept., identified and sent letters to every farmer and rancher in 29 counties to enlist their support in the search. While the organized search has now been suspended until weather conditions improve, authorities have indicated a willingness to check out any and all responsible leads.

In the meantime, remaining members of the Augustana forensics team have decided to attempt to continue to compete in several remaining meets on the schedule arranged by Prof. Tibbetts. Augustana, in cooperation with Sioux Falls Washington High School, will co-sponsor for the 22nd consecutive year the Midwest Debate Tournament for high school speakers during February. Last year under the direction of Prof. Tibbetts and Robert Parlet of WHS, teams from 31 high schools in five states were entered.



CHAPTER NOTES (Slightly Edited)

STANISLAUS STATE COLLEGE, CALIFORNIA

Reporter: Janice Frazier



Top Row (l. to r.): Jim Richards, Janice Frazier, John Baird, Paul Richard. Bottom Row (l. to r.): Pete Stavrianoudakis, John Hunsaker, Don Lapan, Jack Heald.

Stanislaus State is pleased to report its first chapter of Pi Kappa Delta on our small campus. Newly elected officers of our California Chi Chapter are as follows: President, Don Lapan; Vice-President, John Hunsaker; Secretary, Janice Frazier. Also accepted as charter members are: Pete Stavrianoudakis, Joli Hedgedus, Douglas Montgomery, Paul Birchard, Jim Richards and our fantastic coach Jack Heald. Dr. John Baird, Governor of the Province of the Pacific, was our installing officer.

We are all looking forward to the sunshine in Arizona and hope to see you all there.

NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE COLLEGE

Reporter: John Bassett

We of the Missouri Kappa Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta are very proud of our Director of Forensics, Mr. Jerry Winsor for being elected the Missouri Provincial Gov-



U. of N. at Omaha, October, 1968, Debate Trip. Left to Right: Mary Jo Buster, Jim Oliver, Vic Jenkins, Mr. Jerry Winsor (Sponsor), David Dills, Linda Sorenson, Liz Watkins, Connie Dillon (head and foot only) Mr. George Henshaw, sponsor.

ernor. Mr. Winsor has worked very diligently for Pi Kappa Delta and is dedicated to the motto "the art of persuasion, beautiful and just." Congratulations to Mr. Winsor.

This season we attended the huge Bradley University tournament, University of Nebraska at Omaha invitational, and Kansas State University tournament at Manhattan, and hosted our own Invitational Tournament with twenty schools participating.

In closing, our chapter of Pi Kappa Delta would like to take this opportunity to wish the newly formed as well as newly organized and reorganized chapters the best of luck in all three future endeavors.

PORTLAND STATE COLLEGE

Reporter: Dennis Berggren

Oregon Gamma chapter of Pi Kappa Delta is happy to report a successful fall term to the *Forensic Magazine*. We attended six tournaments, and had at least three people place at each one. Under the coaching of Miss Jean Monahan, we have seen the Forensic team grow to over thirty members.

At Portland State, we are not only a classroom group, but a social group as well. We had some three parties last term, finishing up with a highly successful Christmas party at the home of a new member, C. Maxwell Fryer. Activities Director, Millard Roberts, directed the party to a smashing success.

We have just started a new term, with most of the members returning, including our P.K.D. officers. They are: President – Cheryl Genheimer, Vice President – Mike Young, Secretary – Dennis Berggren, Treasurer – Sheri Young, and Activities Director – Millard Roberts. We are hoping for another successful term in competition, much as the last. We have about five tournaments lined up, finishing with a trip to P.K.D. Nationals at Tempe . . . See you there!

KANSAS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY SALINA

Reporter: D. Wayne Montgomery

The Kansas Eta Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta was formally installed by Mr. Dan



Principals in the Kansas Wesleyan installation are, left to right: Dennis Corbett, Corresponding Secretary, Mike McCool, Secretary, Dr. D. Wayne Montgomery, sponsor, Ed Miller, President, Mr. Dan L. Miller, John Hellar and Randy Fisher, Vice-President.

L. Miller, Governor, Province of the Plains, on December 4, 1968.

The chapter from Kansas Wesleyan University made the trip to Ft. Hays State Teachers College, Hays, Kansas, where Mr. Miller teaches, for the ceremony.

WISCONSIN STATE UNIVERSITY RIVER FALLS

Reporter: Anonymous

Jackson Huntly is now working on his doctorate at Michigan State University. He taught for two years at the University of Minnesota in Duluth.

ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Reporter: John Burt

Illinois Alpha chapter has been fairly busy this past year. Dr. Raymond Yeager of Bowling Green State University spoke at the Speech Hour on "The Ethics of Presidential 'Ghost' Writing."

Two Pi Kappa Delta debaters, Pat Cox and Scott Hanawalt, had an informal debate with the champion Scottish debaters, Victor MacColl and James Hutchinson.

The Bible Reading Contest was again held. Our Pi Kappa Delta president, Beth Kranz, won the loose-leaf version of the New Testament which is furnished by the American Bible Society.

Now we are in the slack part of the year so Illinois Alpha is beginning to prepare for the third annual College Bowl that is held on our campus.

OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY

The Ohio xi chapter of Pi Kappa Delta completed last year's activities with a banquet at which six initiates were welcomed into the chapter. Officers for the 68-69 year were installed at that time and now serve as President – Art Squires, Vice-President – Paul Scott, Secretary – Rosemary Stewart, and Treasurer – Tim Hurt.

Growth in the forensics program at Ohio

Northern is obvious this year with an increased number of tournaments and events being attended, students participating, and trophies and awards received. The new forensic coaching staff includes PKD members of the Ohio Eta chapter: Jerry Lee – debate and Margaret Riggle – individual events. Future plans for the debate and speech squads include local performances, tournaments every weekend of the winter quarter, and the Pi Kappa Delta National Convention in Tempe this Spring.

PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY Reporter: Chris Boerger

Spring semester finds the Washington Epsilon Chapter busy planning its high school debate tournament and working with the university public relations department. The chapter is beginning a program of demonstration debates for various high schools around the state. Using the high school topic these debates and the accompanying explanations hopefully will help these schools develop a debate program of their own.

Several of our alumni are in the news lately. John Stewart is completing his work on his Ph.D. at USC. He is presently teaching at Stout State University. Tim Browning is coaching at Fermin. Jerry Merchant is also coaching at the University of California, Santa Barbara and working on his Ph.D. at USC. Another PKD alum has recently become a member of the Armed Forces. Merle Overman is now in the Army after working for the Boeing Company. Finally John Rydgren is now working in the religious programs department for one of the major television networks.

OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY Reporter: Jim Gilchrist

The Oklahoma Alpha Chapter began its 1968-69 debate season with a week-long clinic before the opening of the first semester. Available were new facilities consisting of a workroom for debaters, an office for assistant coaches and a comfortable lounge. Thus far OSU debaters have scored five first place, four second place, and four third place debate victories. Three teams have qualified for the Tournament of Champions: Brad Rice and Leonard Court (Emporia and Georgetown,) Leland Mc-Keeman and Jim Gilchrist (TCU), and Randy Hopkins and Greg Thomas(TCU). Squad members having picked up first place trophies are Brad Rice, Leonard Court, Sally Voth, Randy Hopkins, Karen Marshall, John Smelser, Greg Thomas, John Huska, and Steve Mee.

We hosted the OSU "Great Midwestern" tournament in February. Coach Dale Stockton was assisted by Roger Rozendal in operating the tournament which last year drew entries from forty-five schools in thirteen states. It is now a qualifying tournament for the Michigan State Tournament of Champions.

Future tournament plans include trips to the University of Denver, Northwestern University, University of Houston, Michigan State, and the National Convention at Tempe, Arizona.

BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY

Reporter: Dan P. Millar

The members of the local chapter have been fairly successful in debate. Gene George, sophomore, and Richard Crable, senior, won the Oshkosh Varsity Tournament defeating Concordia College of Minnesota in the finals. These same men reached the octafinals at the University of Illinois-Chicago Circle tournament. Holly Herwick (past chapter president) and Jay Miller reached the octafinals at the Wake Forest Invitational. The four-man unit of Robert Michalski and Tom Downs, affirmative and Roger Miller and Rusty Nichols, negative, won the Varsity Division of the Illinois State University Tournament. The four-man unit of Connie Davis and Dan DeStephen, (both freshmen) affirmative, and Ken Bailey and Tom Downs, negative

won the third place trophy at the Otterbein College 'Turkey' Debate Tournament. At the Akron University Novice Tournament the unit of Laurel Stroempl and Tom Dembinski, affirmative and John Leland and Robert Caras, negative, won the second place trophy. Members of the chapter have already attended eighteen intercollegiate events.

The Department of Speech and the Ohio Beta Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta hosted the 8th Annual Forensic Honorary Debate Tournament in February. Seven teams from DSR-TKA have been invited, as well as seven from Pi Kap and two independent schools. In six preliminary rounds of debate, members of the honorary will debate five members of the other honorary and one of the independent teams. Each preliminary round is judged by two judges. The semi-finalists are chosen on the basis of total number of ballots won in the preliminary rounds. The Pi Kappa Delta members attending are Augustana College (Illinois), Bowling Green University, Bradley University, Central Michigan University, Fresno State College (California), Illinois State University and the University of Detroit. The DSR-TKA schools are: Butler University, Emory University, Oberlin College, University of Kentucky, University of Michigan, Wake Forest University and Wayne State University. The independent schools are represented by the Air Force Academy and the University of Illinois-Chicago Circle.

Recently, the Midwestern Region of the American Forensic Association has awarded the forensic staff a research grant. The leaders of the research have been Herschel Mack (doctoral fellow from South Oregon University), Dennis Dunne (doctoral fellow from Bowling Green State University) and Robert Pruett (doctoral fellow from WSU-Oshkosh). A questionnaire on judging will be distributed at a series of national tournaments.

Installation of Wisconsin MU Chapter Stevens Point

Reporter: Cheri Choudoir

The newly-formed Mu Chapter, Wisconsin's youngest, would like to extend greetings to all its big brother chapters throughout the U.S. Wisconsin State University-Stevens Point was the last in the Wisconsin State University system to join Pi Kappa Delta. All nine are now staunchly Pi Kapp!

Professor Grace Walsh, Governor of the Province of the upper Mississippi, installed the Mu Chapter and its 14 charter members in ceremonies at Wisconsin State University-Stevens Point on Monday, January 27, 1969.

Governor Walsh spoke to the initiates about the traditions of Pi Kappa Delta and outlined historical highpoints of several local chapters. She also illustrated the growth of forensic arts throughout the U.S. Conducting the ritual were A. J. Croft, Chairman of the Dept. of Speech at WSU-SP and holder of Degree of Special Distinction in Debate, Competitive Individual Events and the Order of Instructor; Frank T. Alusow, Associate Professor of Speech and Associate Editor of the *Forensic*; and Richard S. Rogers, advisor of the Mu Chapter and Director of Forensics here.

Installed in the order of debate were: Dean P. Zimmerman, Stevens Point; Cheri R. Choudoir, Stevens Point; John R. Ament, Plover; Sherri L. Ray, Neillsville; Mark W. Haebig, West Bend; James A. Dusso, Madison; Mark A. Dittman, Green Bay; Duane H. Wunsch, Sheboygan; and Donald J. Skalecki, Wausau.

Installed in the order of competitive individual speaking were: Darlene Graefe, Wausau; Jim Friess, Pardeeville; Lily



MEMBERS OF THE HONORARY FORENSIC FRATERNITY, Pi Kappa Delta, from left to right, seated: Cheri Choudoir, Tina Graefe, Vicki Pazar, Julie Carter, Lily Kudsi-Zadeh. Standing, Richard Rogers (Director of Forensics), John Ament, Dean Zimmerman, Don Skalecki, Mark Dittman, Duane Wunsch, and Mr. Frank Alusow.

Kudsi-Zadeh, Tehran, Iran; and Julienne D. Carter, Eagle River.

Vicki Pazar, Deerbrook, qualified for membership in both orders.

Officers of the Mu Chapter were then sworn in by Governor Walsh. Dean Zimmerman took the oath of president. Cheri Choudoir, Darlene Graefe, and Duane Wunsch became vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, respectively.

Following the installation a reception was held. It was attended by parents and friends of the initiates, faculty members and administrative personnel. Governor Walsh and Professor Alusow were the guests of the Mu Chapter at dinner after the reception.

The role of Pi Kappa Delta at WSU-SP will be considerable, on the campus and in the community.

The Mu Chapter is looking forward to participating in the national convention at Tempe, and receiving its charter.

We are especially eager, of course, to meet with members from our brother chapters throughout the country.

See You in Arizona!

THE ART OF PERSUASION

BEAUTIFUL AND JUST

Old Michigan Chapter Reinstalled Beta Chapter - Olivet College

The Michigan Beta Chapter, located at Olivet College, was reinstalled on January 17, 1969, in an impressive service conducted by Dr. Gilbert G. Rau, Editor of *The Forensic* and member of the National Council. In connection with this reinstallation was an equally impressive initiation ceremony in which eight students were inducted into membership and joined four faculty members in constituting the membership of the "new" chapter.

The four faculty members are Professor Kenneth W. Kohn, who was initiated into the Otterbein Chapter; Professor Melchor Gutierrez, initiated into the Sterling College (Kansas) Chapter; and two members of the original Beta Chapter: Dr. Gorton Riethmiller, President of Olivet College, initiated in 1925; and Dr. Kenneth G. Hance, Provost of Olivet College, initiated in 1921.

This reinstallation represents renewed interest in forensics at Olivet College during recent years, the result in large measure of the enthusiastic support of President Riethmiller since his return to Olivet eleven years ago and of the energetic leadership of Professor Kohn since his coming only four years ago.

Michigan Beta was originally installed on May 5, 1921, with nine charter members, including the President and the Dean of the College (President Paul F. Voelker and Dean James King). Even though Olivet was small and was just recovering from serious set-backs related to World War I, the interest in forensics ran high and the interest in Pi Kappa Delta was similarly great. Almost phenomenally the membership of the chapter rose to 16 in 1922 and was even higher in 1923. Indicative of the status of Michigan Beta in 1923 is the following statement in the student year-book, *The Olivetian*, for 1923:

The local chapter, Michigan Beta, is the second to be established in this state. It is but two years old; yet it already has a creditable record. During the past year, all arrangements for contests, judges, accommodations, trips, and the like were made under the control of the chapter. The purposes of the organization on this campus are two-fold. First, membership in Pi Kappa Delta, with its



Dr. Gilbert Rau, Installing Officer and Cynthia Wilder, President of Beta Chapter of Olivet College.



Installing new members of the reactivated chapter at Olivet College — Prof. Kenneth Kohn stands at the left, Cynthia Wilder, President of chapter at the right.

distinctive key badge, is a decided honor, showing as it does proficiency in the art of public speaking. Thus the organization serves to reward those who represent Olivet worthily on the platform. Second, the local chapter serves the college. In times past, much of the routine work connected with forensic contests has been left to the coaches. Now all of this has been taken care of by the chapter. Then, too, the organization serves to foster better relationships with other colleges having chapters; and by so doing, helps to develop a better spirit between the colleges and to improve the prestige of Olivet. This is the work of Pi Kappa Delta.

A similarly high level was maintained in the years of 1923-1933; but the Depression, with declining enrollments and restricted budgets, took its toll, and the chapter virtually ceased to exist. Then in subsequent years a combination of administrative policies which did not encourage or underwrite intercollegiate forensics activities and of World War II, which had a similar adverse effect, served to prevent the reactivation of the chapter.

However, with the advent of the administration of President Gorton Riethmiller, an alumnus of Olivet College and a member of Pi Kappa Delta (Degree of Superior and Orders of Debate and Oratory) the college soon expanded and developed significantly. At the same time, administrative support of Speech and forensics reached a high point in college history. Under the recent leadership of Professor Kenneth W. Kohn the forensics program has greatly expanded, and under his guidance - and with the hearty endorsement and support of the college administration - an application was made for the re-establishment of a chapter of Pi Kappa Delta. Thanks to the endorsement of the national administration, authority was given to reinstall the Beta Chapter; and the ceremony was held on January 17th.

With the enthusiastic endorsement of the college administration, with support from a

student body of more than 800, and with effective leadership from the members of the faculty in Speech, all indications point to continued and expanding programs in forensics and to renewed and increasing interest in the Michigan Beta Chapter.

The officers of the chapter are: President, Cynthia J. Wilder; Vice-President, Michael Castner; Secretary, Barbara Boxwell; Treasurer, Orin Larson; Corresponding Secretary, Jeanne Opdyke; Historian, Elizabeth Anesi; Sponsor, Professor Kenneth W. Kohn.

> Kenneth G. Hance Provost, Olivet College



Letters to the Editor

Dear Mr. Rau,

From reading the FORENSICS I feel I I keep somewhat acquainted with the progress and performance of Pi Kappa Delta. My interest in the organization has continued for more than fifty years.

The President's Page gives much vital information. I am glad to know that the national Convention of 1969 will be held in Arizona.

My continued good wishes are with you in your good work.

Very sincerely, Mrs. Alfred Westfall

Dear Editor,

Maybe I have sent these bits of humor to you already. If so, please forgive the stupidity of an absent-minded professor:

Last spring a student asked if he could join the "four on six" club.

We recently received a bill from a local merchant addressed – Department of Speech For Insects.

> Dan Millar Bowling Green State University

The FORENSIC of Kappa Delta

Salutes Oregon Alpha

At Linfield College



Second of a series of Salutes prepared and written by Associate Editor Frank T. Alusow to our chapters making outstanding contributions.

The Linfield College tournament was first begun 38 years ago and had its inception in the Northwest Pi Kappa Delta Province Convention and Tournament. At that time, R.D. Mahaffey had been elected Governor and so the invitation was extended to the member schools as well as to several other schools in the area. Eight colleges attended the first year, and at their urging the tournament was continued for the following year. It has operated continuously, without missing a year even during the war times, since that first tournament in 1930.

From the beginning, the purpose of the tournament was two-fold. The first was to offer widespread competition. The second was to be experimental. In keeping with the first purpose, we have offered competition for both the junior and senior divisions, divided into the categories men and women.

In the second category, we have experimented with many different types of individual speaking events with many different forms of ballots and with various types of judges. During the years, at least 15 different individual events have been tried. Some of these are still being used while others have been replaced from time to time. In debate, the one-man cross question style was introduced in the war when there was a shortage of men's teams. Dr. Charles Battin of the College of Puget Sound, gave this style of debate the title of Lincoln-Douglas. It has been retained in every tournament since it began. The use of students as judges was begun and has proved to be the answer to the perennial problem of how to handle the enrollment when colleges bring large squads of participants with a minimum of judges. Awards have always been given to the largest possible number with a Junior Di-



vision Sweepstakes, a Senior Division, and a Grand Sweepstakes.

Out of the college tournament there grew the high school tournament. This tournament follows the identical pattern of the college tournament and this year completed 36 years of continuous competition. One of the interesting factors is that Richard Nixon attended this tournament as a student from Whittier College; ex-Governor Robert Smiley from Idaho attended as a student from the College of Idaho; ex-Governor Grant Sawyer of Nevada was a member of the Speech group at Linfield for two years.

The only two schools with continuous attendance at the tournament for the entire duration have been the host school and the University of Puget Sound. The tournament annually draws between 40 and 60 schools with 300-400 debate teams. "We certainly believe, as Mahaffey affirms, that there is an increasing interest in forensic competition and this tournament will continue to offer the widest possible experience to the greatest number possible." Because of the heavy enrollment, there are certain hours during the day when room space is at a premium and some contests have been held under the trees on the campus and even in the restrooms. The tournament has always concluded with a banquet on the last night at which time awards are given. During the past few years, small myrtle wood gavels have been awarded to all winning debaters.

"Hap" pledges to continue the tournament through many years to come and to keep the basic philosophy with which it was begun.

The EDITOR Signs In

California is the second largest state in number of chapters, with eighteen. Only Illinois, with twenty-two chapters, exceeds California. And did you know the Province of the Pacific includes not only California, but also Arizona, and parts of New Mexico and Texas? That's a lot of territory.

John Baird, Governor of the Province of the Pacific, has initiated a newsletter in order to establish and maintain closer contact with all the chapters. Governor Baird is to be commended for his efforts to achieve greater unity in that large Province. The newsletter is interesting reading outside the Province, too.

Another unusual document which has come to our attention is the annual holiday newsletter put out at Christmas time by the Speech and Drama Department of Idaho State University. Prof. William Corbin, our PKD sponsor there, gave us a copy of this thick fifty-page pamphlet at the SAA convention in Chicago. It contains PKD chapter news, forensic activities, and



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news of the entire department as well. Quite an impressive and effective way to share news with students, faculty, and alumni.

Articles for the FORENSIC are now being solicited. Send your manuscripts now for consideration in next fall and winter issues. Articles by students are also welcome, as some of our recent issues attest.

New chapters – send in some news items and some photographs. Let us hear from you. Better yet, give me your chapter news at the National Convention in Tempe. Your news will appear in the May issue!